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### MaineCare Matters

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#### Billing News & Tips

##### **New CMS1500 and UB04 claim forms now accepted**

MaineCare now accepts both the updated CMS1500 and UB04 claim forms. Billing instructions for both can be found at [http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bms/providerfiles/provider\\_billing\\_manuals.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bms/providerfiles/provider_billing_manuals.htm)

Key reminders on the CMS1500 are for:

Box 1: Select the Medicare box only if billing for Medicare co-insurance or deductible

Box 33b: Make sure the qualifier code 1D and the MaineCare Provider ID are placed in this block. Separate the two with a space, i.e. 1D 100100200.

If you have questions or if you would like a copy of the billing instructions mailed to you, please call the Provider Enrollment Unit at 1-800-321-5557, Option 6 or 207-287-4082.

##### **Update on MeCMS repair initiatives**

A program of MeCMS repairs has been scheduled through June of 2008. This includes ten major initiatives and a series of patches.

Three of the initiatives have been completed as of this writing. They were (1) the claims hold for interim payment recovery, (2) the ability to collect J-Code rebates from pharmaceutical

companies on drugs administered in physician offices and (3) the connection of MeCMS to the State's new financial system, AdvantageMe.

The remaining initiatives include implementation of functionality for:

- **Void Processing** – Fall 2007  
This will allow the ability to void claims already processed and then re-bill these claims
- **Edits Processing** – January 2008  
Designed to allow claims currently caught in edits processing failure to process through to a Remittance Advice
- **Modifiers** – January 2008  
Planned to enable MeCMS to correctly recognize and use pricing and descriptive modifiers that the system has not been able to recognize or use to-date
- **Cost of Care** – January 2008  
This is designed to fix problems that cause MeCMS to incorrectly store and/or use cost of care amounts
- **Co-Pay** – January 2008  
Planned to enable MeCMS to appropriately deduct co-pay amounts from claims when applicable and appropriately exempt co-payment on claims

## MeCMS Repair Initiatives (continued)

- **Adjustments** – March 2008  
This initiative will enable the processing of claim adjustments in MeCMS
- **Limits** – June 2008  
This initiative will be designed to fix limits edits which are being incorrectly applied to claims.

## Provider communication and training planned for Void functionality

Functionality to allow for void and re-bill of claims is the next initiative to be implemented to the MeCMS processing system.

Training on how to submit new void transactions is planned for providers in early October. Several sessions will be scheduled in locations around the State. Instructions for using the functionality will be given during these sessions and providers *should not attempt* to submit new void transactions in advance of receiving the billing instructions.

This initiative will allow providers to void and re-submit claims that have not paid correctly as a work-around for adjustments. However, there are some claims that definitely should not be voided for re-billing upon the release of the void functionality this fall. A general rule of thumb will be if providers' claims are paying correctly, then a void followed by a re-bill should result in a proper payment. Please be aware that in situations where claims that are not paying correctly due to issues such as inaccurate co-pays, certain limit problems, modifiers, etc., you should not attempt to void and re-bill these claims. If re-billed, the new claims would encounter the same issue(s).

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